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### Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command Awards Contract

SAN DIEGO – Data Link Solutions, a Limited Liability Company of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, is being awarded a \$49,301,632 firm, fixed price option exercise for the U.S. Air Force Multifunctional Information Distribution System - Fighter Data Link (MIDS-FDL) program. This option exercise is for the production of 168 active Air Force production terminals, 82 Air National Guard production terminals, 2 Talon Gateway Project terminals and 20 MIDS-FDL production spares terminals and MIDS-FDL pilot production warranty. The terminals will provide Air Force F-15 aircraft with Link 16 capable terminals that are secure and provide navigation and identification capabilities. The period of performance shall be from June 2000 through final terminal deliveries scheduled in April 2003. Work will be performed by Rockwell-Collins of Cedar Rapids, Iowa (50 percent) and British AeroSpace (formerly GEC-Marconi/Hazeltine) of Wayne, N.J. (50 percent), partners in the joint venture Limited Liability Company. The active Air Force and Air National Guard production terminals and warranty are funded with USAF production funds. The Talon Gateway terminals are funded with Air Force Research & Development funds. The spares terminals are funded with Air Force Working Capital Funds that will expire at the end of the fiscal year. Contract funds for production terminals will not expire at the end of the fiscal year. The base contract was competitively awarded with two offers received. The Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command San Diego is the contracting activity (N00039-96-C-0038).

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